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Chief, I&SS

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Assistant General Counsel for Covert Affairs

Name Check and Clearance Procedures

1. As a result of the present responsibility of this office in connection with aliens, it has come to our attention that there may be possible duplication of effort or repetition of certain actions. The problem falls into two general categories. The first is solely an internal matter within CIA. The other involves outside agencies.

2. It has been agreed between your office and this office that prior to a request of an outside agency for action concerning an alien your office will be afforded an opportunity to make certain necessary security checks. In connection with the normal type of requests for action to this office from OPC, they have in many cases indicated that OGC CE records have been checked. In a recent case it was indicated to the undersigned that in running a check on an alien for whom certain papers were being processed the OGC CE records were being checked by Security. It would seem desirable, if procedures could be devised, to necessitate only one request of OGC CE.

3. An example of a case falling in the second category occurred recently. In that case OPC advised this office that the FBI had been notified of CIA interest in the case. Subsequently, upon running its check of the alien, your office indicated it was making a check with the FBI. I have been informed by the Immigration and Naturalization Service that when the case reached them they would at that time make a check with the Bureau. It would appear in such a case that the Bureau has been approached on the same individual three different times. By adopting other procedures it would seem possible that all three approaches could be combined in one. I&N Service further indicated that they checked all possible sources in certain cases, and it is assumed that your office checks many other Government agencies. Consequently, it appears highly probable that in some cases you are making a check and within a few days I&N is making another check in the same agencies.

4. It was suggested by [REDACTED] of your Staff that this memorandum be furnished to you for consideration. For your information the general problem was discussed with Mr. Roberts of I&N, and he indicated I&N would be receptive to suggestions to avoid duplication of effort. It appears that the general problem is of primary concern with your office, and, consequently, this office will take no further action on the matter. However, we shall be pleased to render any assistance you desire.

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